

§ 151.15 Reporting requirements.

(a) The Master or other person having charge of a ship involved in an incident referred to in paragraph (e) of this section, shall report the particulars of such incident without delay and to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) In the event of the ship referred to in paragraph (a) of this section being abandoned, or in the event of a report from such ship being incomplete or unobtainable, the owner, charterer, manager or operator of the ship, or their agents shall, to the fullest extent possible assume the obligations placed upon the Master or other person having charge of the ship under the provisions of this section.

(c) Each report shall be made by radio whenever possible, but in any case by the fastest available means at the time the report is made.

(d) Reports shall be directed to the appropriate officer or agency of the government of the country in whose waters the incident occurs. Additionally, for incidents involving U.S. ships, the reports shall be directed to either the nearest Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) or to the National Response Center (NRC), toll free telephone number 800-424-8802, telex number 892427.

(e) The report shall be made whenever an incident involves—

(1) A discharge other than as permitted under this part; or

(2) A discharge permitted under this part by virtue of the fact that—

(i) It is for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or saving life at sea; or

(ii) It results from damage to the ship or its equipment; or

(3) The probability of a discharge referred to in paragraphs (e)(1) or (e)(2) of this section.

(f) Each report shall contain—

(1) The identity of the ship;

(2) The time and date of the occurrence of the incident;

(3) The geographic position of the ship when the incident occurred;

(4) The wind and sea condition prevailing at the time of the incident;

(5) Relevant details respecting the condition of the ship; and

(6) A statement or estimate of the quantity of oil or oily mixtures discharged or likely to be discharged into the sea.

(g) Each person who is obligated under the provisions of this section to send a report shall—

(1) Supplement the initial report, as necessary, with information concerning further developments; and

(2) Comply as fully as possible with requests from affected countries for additional information concerning the incident.

(h) A report made under this section will satisfy the reporting requirement of § 153.203 of this chapter.

§ 151.17 Surveys.

(a) Every U.S. oil tanker of 150 gross tons and above, and every other U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above; that is required to have an International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate on board and to which this part applies, except as provided for in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this section; is subject to the following surveys conducted by the Coast Guard—

(1) An initial survey, conducted before the ship is put in service or before an IOPP Certificate required under § 151.19 is issued for the first time; this survey includes a complete examination of its structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material in so far as the ship is covered by this chapter.

(2) Periodic renewal surveys conducted at intervals corresponding with the renewal of the IOPP Certificates. The purpose of the survey is to determine whether the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements, and material comply with the requirements of Parts 155 and 157 of this chapter.

(3) Annual surveys for inspected ships conducted as close as practicable to twelve (12) and thirty-six (36) months from the date of issuance of the IOPP Certificate, and not more than two months prior to or later than these twelve and thirty-six month dates; this survey is to determine that the oily-water separating equipment and associated pumps and piping systems remain satisfactory for the service intended, and that no unauthorized alterations